



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Sam Liccardo
Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio
Councilmember Rose Herrera
Councilmember Nancy Pyle

SUBJECT: GENERAL PLAN 2040

DATE: October 28, 2011

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10-28-11

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution to approve the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan, as recommended by the Planning Commission and staff's supplemental reports.

Adopt a resolution making certain findings concerning mitigation measures and making findings concerning alternatives all in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act in connection with the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report.

BACKGROUND

We extend our grateful thanks to the Envision Task Force Co-Chairs, Vice Chair, Task Force members, and our staff for their commitment over the past four and a half years to preparing a General Plan that best understands our values and hopes, addresses the opportunities and challenges of our time, and guides the future development of San José to achieve community priorities. We also extend our thanks to more than 5,000 community members who actively participated and lent support to this extraordinary undertaking. The outcome is a General Plan 2040 Update that strongly aligns the City's long-term land use and economic development goals with community objectives through policies that emphasize job growth, fiscal strength, environmental leadership, transit use and the development of urban villages. It is a Plan that brings a measure of certainty to how San José will evolve over the next three decades, eliminates the uncertainties caused by current discretionary policies, and provides the framework to achieve the City's fiscal, economic, social and environmental goals.